JEFFERSON CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

2026/2027 CONCERT SEASON

PIANO CONCERTO COMPETITION



Saturday, February 6, 2027

10:30am

Jefferson City, Missouri

Winner will perform in concert with

THE JEFFERSON CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

$500 Honorarium

Dear Music Educator:

The Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra (JCSO) is pleased to announce that it will again sponsor its Missouri Student Piano Concerto Competition, the winner of which will have the opportunity to perform a major piano work with the Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra on its final concert of the JCSO 2026-2027 Concert Season, April 13, 2027. An honorarium of $500 will be awarded to the winner of the competition along with hotel and food expenses. The hotel and food expenses, paid by JCSO, shall not exceed three nights.

Each Missouri college, university or private teacher is permitted to submit candidates for the competition. Also eligible are residents of Missouri studying out-of-state. Below is the entry form for the competition. Please feel free to make additional copies as needed. The form and $30 entrant fee deadline is January 15, 2027. The check or money order must be made payable to the Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra. Please do not make the check payable to me. The entrant fee is non-refundable if the student is later unable to audition. The winner must attend the following dress rehearsals: Sunday, April 11, 2027 at 2:00pm and Monday, April 12, 2027 at 6:30pm. The winner is also highly encouraged to attend two (or more) rehearsals prior to the dress rehearsals and mileage will be paid for these.

Auditions will be held Saturday, February 6, 2027, 10:30am, in Jefferson City, Missouri, at Mitchell (Richardson) Auditorium, on the Lincoln University campus. This is the same venue for the winner's performance with the JCSO. Each candidate will be expected to play the complete piano concerto from memory – no arrangements are allowed. A second piano will be available for the entrant's accompanist to play the orchestral piano reduction. The soloist must provide their own accompanist. A member of the JCSO Board of Directors will be one of the adjudicators. Please bring any additional available scores for use by the Jury – no photocopies are allowed.

On the reverse side is the flier cover page regarding the competition. Please post this in a strategic location for student attention. We are very pleased to share this annual opportunity for all students in Missouri schools and piano studios. Those students who may not be prepared to compete this year are encouraged to work on a piano concerto with next year's competition in mind.

The works NOT ELIGIBLE for this year's competition are Gershwin - *Rhapsody In Blue*, Beethoven - *Piano Concerto no. 2, op 19*, and Rachmaninoff - *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, op. 43*.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE AUDITION FORM BELOW LEGIBLY (especially the email address).

Best wishes to you for a successful year in music!

Sincerely,

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JEFFERSON CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Missouri Student Piano Auditions

Student's Name:_____School Telephone:_____
Student's Address at School:_____
Student's Email Address:_____
Composer and Composition:_____
Student's Piano Instructor:_____Student's School:_____
Accompanist's Name:_____

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(Signature of Department Head or Private Teacher)

Please return this form along with the $30 entrant fee by January 14, 2027, to the Piano Competition Chair